

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 53-70 are currently pending. Claims 53, 59, and 65, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically at pages 29-30 and Figure 5. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 53-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,907,190 to Kashiwagi, et al.

Claim 53 now recites, *inter alia*:

“...designation information supplying means for supplying information designating a decoding starting picture and a display starting picture in said moving picture data for each of a plurality of programs, and for supplying information designating a decoding terminating picture and a display terminating picture in said moving picture data for each of a plurality of programs.”
(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,907,190 to Kashiwagi, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Kashiwagi") relates to reproducing bitstream having non-sequential system clock data seamlessly therebetween. One or more system streams that interleave moving picture data and audio data are input. System stream connection information includes a system clock.

Applicant submits that nothing has been found in Kashiwagi that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 53. Specifically, Kashiwagi does not teach or suggest a designation information supplying means for supplying information designating a decoding starting picture and a display starting picture in said moving picture data for each of a plurality of programs, and for supplying information designating a decoding terminating picture and a display terminating picture in said moving picture data for each of a plurality of programs, as recited in claim 53. Therefore, claim 53 is patentable.

Independent claims 59 and 65 recite features similar to, or somewhat similar to, claim 53 and are patentable for reasons similar to claim 53.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

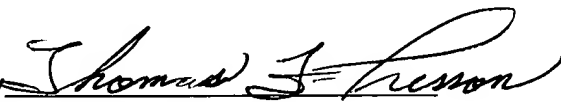
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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